1288. *[Transferred to the 9th March,* 1989].

Specific programmes for preservation of perishable agricultural and horticultural products

1289. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any specific programmes have been envisaged for preservation of perishable agricultural and horticultural products like fruits, seasonal vegetables etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of special courts for bride burning cases

1290. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up special courts to deal exclusively with bride burning cases in the country which are on the increase in the recent years;

(b) if so, what are the details; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above in the negative, what are the reasons for not contemplating such proposal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Grant of licence for setting up of food processing industries

1291. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received for grant of licences to set up food processing industries upto the end of 1988;

(b) the break-up of these applications, category-wise;

(c) the number of licences granted so far;

(d) whether there are any guidelines for grant of licences; and

(e) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The information in respect of applications received in the financial year 1988-89 is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House.

(c) During 1988-89 (upto January 1989) 40 Letters of Intent and 4 Industrial Licences have been issued for food processing industries.

(d) and (e) The policy of the Government in regard to the grant of Industrial Licences are contained in the latest edition of the "Guidelines for Industries" of the Ministry of Industry (Department of Industrial Development) and subsequent changes in the policy have been announced through Press Notes by that Ministry.

Quality standard of food products

1292. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued licences in food proces-